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American Consulate General,
Hong Kong, June 21, 1957.

Dear Ralph:

Yesterday a party of four Air Force officers led by a Colonel Humrecht called to make preliminary soundings here about the establishment at Hong Kong of a special radar unit in connection with determining exact locations and coordinates for the guided missile program in the Far East.

The unit would consist of four to six U. S. Air Force personnel and be here for several months as one element in a chain working with aircraft flying a race track pattern some sixty miles off the China coast. The site desired would be on a hilltop with good line of sight, as I understood it, in the direction of Swatow.

I told the officers, and Colonell Powell who came over, that this was a project that would require clearance, and a good deal of it, probably at the London level. I could not estimate what the British Government reaction would be, but pointed out that there were certain sensitivies here to be considered.

Humrecht said he appreciated the need for clearances, and added he thought the matter would be taken up by the Air Force with the State Department. In the meantime, he had come over from Miami with a group from Clark Field to take a look at the situation on the spot.

I have not bothered you with problems that we can handle here or through regular channels, but I thought this was one you would like to know about informally and in advance.

Ralph N. Clough, Esquire,
Director, Office of Chinese Affairs,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

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We are all flourishing, although somewhat warm in the new building pending air conditioning.

We are very happy to hear Drum and Florence will be back in September, and have every hope the place will be in shiny bright condition for them at that time.

With every best regard to you and Awana from us both,

Yours,

Tom

Thomas P. ~~Dillon~~